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Austin, TX – Texas State Board of Dental Examiners Welcomes New Board Members and Plans for Upcoming Meetings

The mission of the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners (TSBDE) is to protect the public health and safety and promote high quality and safe dental care by providing enforcement, licensing, peer assistance, and related information services to licensees and their patients.

On November 20, 2017, Governor Greg Abbott appointed nine of the required 11 members to the TSBDE pursuant to SB 313 of the 85th Regular Legislative Session. The TSBDE is still awaiting the appointment of two public members. Four of the 11 members served previously on the TSBDE and two of the 11 members served on the TSBDE Blue Ribbon Panel on Anesthesia/Sedation Safety.

The new board is anxious to get to work. Specifically, it is the board's priority to comply with and fulfill the requirements of SB 313. The TSBDE will hold board member training pursuant to SB 313 and a brief board meeting on Friday, December 22, 2017. The TSBDE will also hold committee meetings on Thursday, January 11, 2018 and another board meeting on Friday, January 12, 2018. We also may have additional Anesthesia Committee meetings in early January.

At its December 22, 2017 meeting, the TSBDE will appoint six members, as required by SB 313, to the newly created Advisory Committee on Dental Anesthesia.

We are very excited to welcome the new members to the board. We are confident that their skills and experience will be an asset to the board and regulation of dentistry in Texas.

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